

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2006

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: John Collins and Mildred O'Linn; The Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Edward Benveniste, Brian Chu, Linda Eshoe, Roger Granbo, Christopher Keosian, and Lester Tolnai; Department of Children and Family Services: Sandy Stivers; Department of Health Services: Bonnie Bilitch, Stephanie Hill, and Laura Sarff; Department of Parks and Recreation: John Wehrly; Department of Public Works: Allan Abramson, Chuck Adams, and Pat Proano; Office of Affirmative Action: Hayward Harris, Jr.; Sheriff's Department: Shaun Mathers and Patrick Hunter

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:07 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 11:02 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. David Kolinski v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 331 766

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to employment discrimination.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$325,000.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Angelica Babudro v. Johanna Bradner, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. EC 040 542

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received from an automobile accident involving an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- c. Patricia Steffen v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 084 680

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received from an automobile accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Works.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. Regina Reeves v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 036 311

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries arising from a fall on a walkway in a County park.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. Deanna Sprinkel, Sean Sprinkel, and Evelyn Sprinkel through her Guardian Ad Litem Deanna Sprinkel v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. GC 034 916

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received from a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,500,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- f. Brenda Gaines, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 318 934

This lawsuit seeks compensation for a death which occurred when Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence regarding a complaint of spousal abuse.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$445,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- g. Anthony Fernandez v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 038 334

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received by an inmate while incarcerated in the Los Angeles County Jail.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- h. Rosa Franco, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 309 544

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at LAC+USC Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,180,000, plus assumption of the Medi-Cal Lien not to exceed \$183,390.30 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

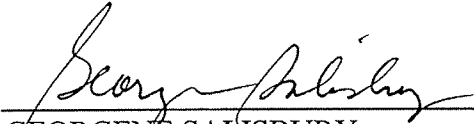
**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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Minutes for the August 7, 2006, meeting was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. Due to the Labor Day holiday, a special meeting was scheduled for September 5, 2006.

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By   
GEORGENE SALISBURY

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

September 5, 2006

This special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: None; The Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Adrienne Byers, Brian Chu, and Roger Granbo; Department of Health Services: Laura Sarff, Kim McKenzie, and Dr. Roger Peek; Department of Public Works: Pat Proano; Department of Parks and Recreation: John Wehrly and Anush Gambaryan; Sheriff's Department: Shaun Mathers

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:07 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 10:10 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Joan Lavine v. City of Malibu, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SS 008 071

This lawsuit seeks compensation for property damage due to a landslide.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Gevork Basmadjian, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 045 850

This lawsuit arises from injuries received from a slip and fall on a sidewalk at a County park.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- c. Bodgan Markowicz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 016 129

This lawsuit arises from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Works.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,750 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. Agaron Tavitian v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 017 243

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at King/Drew Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$199,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- e. Thelma Valenzuela v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 02-9092 ABC

This class action lawsuit for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act concerns allegations that the Sheriff's Department fails to provide effective communications and/or reasonable accommodations to individuals in the deaf community.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$260,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 2, 2006.

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By   
RENEE F. MENDOZA